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1. ILO HAS NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION RE INTENTIONS OF ARABS AT JUNE 1974 CONFERENCE SESSION. HOWEVER KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES ON ILO STAFF BELIEVE THAT A RESOLUTION AGAINST ISRAEL WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CONFERENCE. SPECULATION VARIES FROM A RESOLUTION MORE MODERATE THAN THE ONE OF LAST YEAR, WHICH CONDEMNED ISRAELI TREATMENT OF ARAB WORKERS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, TO A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM ILO. ANY RESOLUTION PRESENTED WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY INVOLVE ALLEGATIONS RE CONDITIONS OF ARAB WORKERS IN TERRITORIES UNDER ISRAELI JURISDICTION IN ORDER TO GIVE THE RESOLUTION ILO LEGITIMACY.

2. IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT ARAB SPOKESMAN (SYRAI) AT CONCLUSION LAST YEAR'S CONFERENCE ASSERTED THAT RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL, WHICH HAD BEEN DEFEATED FOR LACK OF QUORUM, REMAINED ON AGENDA OF CONFERENCE AND WOULD BE FURTHER CONSIDERED AT 1974 SESSION. THIS CLEARLY NOT CONSTITUTIONAL BUT PRESIDING OFFICER AT THAT TIME SIGNIFICANTLY DID NOT COMMENT ON THE ASSERTION.

3. ILO OFFICIALS HAD HOPED EARLIER THAT MOVEMENT TOWARDS ARAB/ ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS IN MIDDLE EAST MIGHT DETER SEVERE ATTACKS ON ISRAELIS AT CONFERENCE. AT THIS TIME THERE APPEARS LITTLE
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CHANCE THAT DETERRENT PREVAILING PARTICULARLY IF SYRIAN

(PERMANENT REP A.I. ALLAF) IS CAST AS A PRINCIPAL
SPOKESMAN FOR THE ARABS. DALE

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